

On page 1, please replace paragraph 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Related Applications

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial Number 08/954,128, filed October 20, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of ~~U.S.S.N. Serial Number~~ 08/435,093, filed May 4, 1995, which is a continuation-in-part of ~~U.S.S.N. Serial Number~~ 08/356,060, filed December 14, 1994, which is a continuation-in-part of ~~U.S.S.N. Serial Number~~ 08/227,371 filed December 30, 1993, ~~and entitled “Vertebrate Embryonic Pattern Inducing Proteins and Uses Related Thereto”~~, the teachings of each of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

On page 1, please replace paragraph 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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